

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 18 of page 2 with the following:

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Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to provide a multilevel image data structure in which each level is expressed by the cells of a hierarchical structure of different levels by expressing one feature based on a multilevel image grid, and expressing a region representative color of each cell and a reliability with respect to the region representative color.

Replace the paragraph beginning at line 22 of page 7 with the following:

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Two images  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  include first level image grids  $G_{1\_1st}$ ,  $G_{2\_1st}$ , second level image grids  $G_{1\_2nd}$ ,  $G_{2\_2nd}$ , and third level image grids  $G_{1\_3rd}$ ,  $G_{2\_3rd}$ .